Economic package to the people of Kashmir

121. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have taken any decision to grant an economic package to the people of Kashmir by way of generating employment opportunity for the growth, including jobs for the over-aged youths and other means for bringing the misguided youth, who have taken to guns and militancy, into the national mainstream; and

(b) if so, the details of the package and the cost thereof indicating the Central aid to be extended therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir on 23.5.2002 announced a package for over Rs. 6000.00 crore for "employment, rail and road development, relief and Security" for J and K. The main schemes/projects covered in the package comprise railways, roads, development of textiles, Agri-export zones for apples and walnuts, development of horticulture, eco-restoration of degraded catchment areas of Chenab and Jhelum, Border Area Development Programme, security measures like raising of two India Reserve Battalions (IRB), incentives for Special Operations Group, better training of and weaponry to the J and K Volunteer Force, better weaponry to the volunteer members of Village Defence Committees and relief measures like enhancement in norms pertaining to relief for border migrants and Kashmiri migrants and provision of new tents and common civic amenities for border migrants in J and K, upgrading police hospitals, Rehabilitation Centre for Widows of police personnel killed by terrorists and schools for orphans of police personnel killed by terrorists. Some of the items in the PM's Package have a time-frame of 5 to 10 years for implementation.

In addition, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion have in June, 2002 notified a "New Industrial Policy and other Concessions for the State of J and K" which comprises incentives like capital investment subsidy, interest subsidy, insurance premium, income tax exemption etc.

In addition, various Central Ministries have been sanctioning projects and schemes from time to time which are applicable in J and K.

The State Government of J and K has a surrender policy for terrorists who have a change of heart and decide to surrender which *inter-alia* provides for training and assistance for availing of self-employment schemes/opportunities.

Dual citizenship to PIOs

122. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI R. P. GOENKA:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to confer dual citizenship on the People of Indian Origins currently settled in other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the specific rights, privileges as benefits which are proposed to be made available to PIOs as a result of grant of dual citizenship;

(d) the benefits likely to accrue to India as a result thereof; and

(e) by when the legislative and administrative framework are likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (e) Based on the recommendation made by the High Level Committee on Indian Diaspora, the Government has decided to grant dual citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955 to persons of Indian origin who have acquired the citizenship of certain countries. The details and other modalities are being worked out.